

# NEWSLETTER

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# ROBOT WARS AT THE BAFTAS

Robot Wars has received a British Academy Award nomination, the highest accolade in the British television Industry. The nomination, in the category Best Light Entertainment Programme, cements the incredible success of Robot Wars. On behalf of the production team, I would like to congratulate all the roboteers who have taken part in Robot Wars over the years. Without your hard work and commitment to the show we would not have been nominated. And to all club members, a huge thank you for your support too.

Bill Hobbins - Series Producer

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Robot Wars is pleased to announce final dates for the Fourth Wars.

This year all robots that are built in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the Fourth Wars (which have already been sent out to Robot Wars club members) will have the opportunity to compete.

We are holding a Qualifying Tournament in the London region in July and August, which forms part of our special Robot Mayhem Live event. (THIS EVENT IS NOT PART OF THE TELEVISED COMPETITION BUT THE BEST ROBOTS WILL BE SELECTED FOR THE FOURTH WARS ). . The Robot Wars Steering Committee (composed of roboteers, production team and technical experts) has compiled a list of Seeds (based on previous experience and performance) and these seeded competitors gain automatic entry to the television series competition together with the winners of the Qualifying Tournament. Tickets for Robot Mayhem are now on sale on our website or can be booked either on the enclosed form on our 24hr hotline 0115 912 9000 or book directly on the web. (PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO CLUB MEMBERS, BUT NUMBERS ARE SEVERELY LIMITED )

The television series will be recorded in August. Tickets for the TV recording will be available on the Robot Wars website from the end of July. In the meantime, keep building and good luck.

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Robot Wars is pleased to announce the dates for the 4th Wars and details of the first Live event Robot Mayhem, to be held at Park Street Studios, St Albans from 24th July until 3rd August.

For more information on anything mentioned in this newsletter please visit our website at www.robotwars.co.uk

## WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

- \* Robot Mayhem
- \* The Third Wars
- \* Who Won What
- \* World Domination
  - \* The New Arena \* Site Focus
- \*Wars on the Web

Mental Robotic Fun

Hi, Anthony Pritchard here Captain of BEHEMOTH Team, welcoming all readers to Issue 2 of the Robot Wars Club News Letter. As the new Editor I hope to bring you information and important facts all about Robot Wars UK. So here goes. I hope to bring you information about Series Four and items about the House Robots Old as well as New. I will be bringing you up-to-date reports on official events, which are happening around the UK

If you wish to contribute any stories, gossip or information that you would like to share with your fellow Club

members then email us at:

rwnews@mentom.co.uk

Or you can leave a message in the Newsletter section of the Robot Wars forum on the Internet or write to us at: **ROBOT WARS NEWS** 

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http://www.robotwars.co.uk

## CHAOS 2 SERIES THREE CHAMPIONS

Well Series three is over and a new champion has been crowned. Chaos 2 has flipped its way onto the winner's podium. Road Block (Series I) and Panic Attack (Series II) were the previous series winners. Chaos 2 beat Hypno-Disc in the Grand Final. However before reaching the final they managed to flip Firestorm clear out of the Arenal We send our congratulations to the team of Chaos 2, well done chaps!

# THE THIRD WORLD WARS

HEAT C

WINNER-BLADE MAX DAMAGE

BACKSTABBER AGENT ORANGE

WINNER- HYPNO-DISC

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

RAZER AGGROBOT

HEAT H

TUTS REVENGE

ROBOGEDDON

ALLY GATOR

STEALTH BERSERK II

HEAT M

HAMMERHEAD

CASSIUS 2

DUNDEE PLUNDERSTORM

DEATH WARMED UP

HEAT A WINNER- MACE 2 STINGER RED DRAGON

FORKLIFT'S REVENGE WEELIWAKO RAIZER BLADE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

**HEAT F** WINNER-GRAVE DIGGER

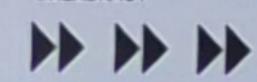
MANIC MUTANT SGT MEIKLE **VECTOR MORTIS** DARK DESTROYER

**HEAT K** WINNER- PANIC ATTACK

PURPLE PREDATOR MR PUNCH TOE CUTTER FLIP FLOP FLY JUDGE SHRED PANZER X-TERMINATOR

**HEAT P** WINNER-TRIDENT

TWN TWRN **PSYCHOKILLER PATTUS RATTUS** DREADNAUT



HEAT B WINNER- PITBULL

SUMP THING **ROBOCOW** SHARK ATTACK GENERAL CARNAGE **TECHNOPHOBIC** BEHEMOTH

HEAT G WINNER-STEG-O-SAW-US KATER KILLER **BULLDOG BREED** HARDVAARK

ORAC'S REVENGE ROBOPIG NAPALM

HEAT L WINNER- EVIL WEEVIL UNDERTAKER ATLAS TRITEROBOT WILD WILLY CHALLENGER I

FIRESTORM

PITBULL

THING II

MACE II

CHAOS II

TRIDENT

SEMI FINAL 1

THERMADOR PUSSYCAT

SEMI FINAL 2

WINNER-SCUTTER'S REVENGE

SCUTTERS REVENGE EVIL WEEVIL HYPNO-DISC BIG BROTHER **BEAST OF BODMIN** BLADE **GRAVE DIGGER** STEG-O-SAW-US PANIC ATTACK

HEAT D WINNER- BIG BROTHER

SHELL SHOCK GRIM REAPER MILLY-ANN-BUG FLIPPER SIR CHROMALOT BUMBLEBOT

HEATI WINNER- BEAST OF BODMIN ARMOUR GEDDON CRUSHER

VERCINGETORIX THE WITCH **ONSLAUGHT INVERTEBRAT** 

HEAT N **WINNER-THING 2** DAISY CHOPPER KILLERHURTZ ALL TORQUE CERBERUS

SHRAPNEL CROCODILOTRON HAMMERTRON ANORAKAPHOBIA SONIC BIG CHEESE

WINNER- CHAOS 2 MISS ILE

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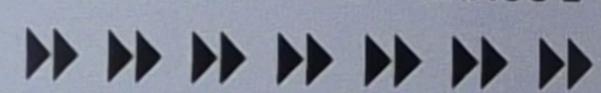
HEATJ WINNER- 101 OVERKILL EXCALIBUR ERIC THE IRON MASK CENTURION WELD OR KING BUXTON

HEAT O WINNER- FIRESTORM SCHUMEY TOO STING II CRASHA GNASHA TERMINAL FEROCITY STEEL AVENGER FACET DIOTOIR

**FINALISTS** 

\* FIRESTORM \* HYPNO-DISC

\* STEG-O-SAW-US \* CHAOS 2



Mortis

ROCS

#### THE AWARDS

MOST ORIGINAL ENTRY

> Hypno-disc Other Nominees

Stinger Pussycat The Witch

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Diotoir Other Nominees

Plunderstorm

Sir Chromalot

**BEST ENGINEERED** ROBOT Chaos 2

Other Nominees Behemoth Razer Big Cheese

**BEST DESIGN** 

Razer Other Nominees Anorakaphobia Pussycat TheWitch

Middleweight Melée Tentoumushi, Hard Cheese.

Revenge Tentoumushi & A-Kill Were Joint Winners.

Grinder A-Kill, Ripper's

**Robotic Soccer** Gnasher beat Malfunktion

SERIES III GRAND CHAMPION

CHAOS 2

Velocirippa beat Demolition Demon 2 Evil Weevil beat the Alien The General beat Spectre Evil Weevil was the Overall Winner

Pinball trials Razer 210 Dominator Six Pac Crusader Eye of Newt Inquisitor Oblivion 2 Killerhurtz

THE TRIALS

### ROBOT WARS SURVEY: WIN THE 'FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP' VIDEO

We have been asked by the Robot Wars magazine and the BBC to enclose this questionnaire. Please fill in the survey below and send to : Robot Wars Survey, Room A1130, BBC Worldwide, 80 Wood Lane, London W12 0TT AND YOU COULD WIN TWO PAIRS OF TICKETS TO ROBOT MAYHEM. Many thanks for your cooperation.

NAME_	, and to your cooperation.					
HAVE YOU BOUGHT THE ROBOT WARS MAGAZINE ?	AGESEXSEX					
DO YOU FEEL THE NUMBER OF PAGES IS TOO FEW	TOO MANYABOUT RIGHT					

## The Wars have had their World Domination

The First World Championship video has 15 battles, never before seen on TV.

This should not be confused with the "The First Great War" video. This new release contains 70 minutes of action. Filmed at the end of October 1999. This video has 16 robots representing 10 countries competing to become the;

"The First World Championship." Visit the website stores at www.robotwars.co.uk for information.

# **SERIES 4 FORMAT**

A new arena has been built for series four. It is to be a fully enclosed combat zone. At this time, full details on the form that the arena hazards will take are unconfirmed. However, the house robots will be back, quicker and more powerful than before, so beware. There's also a new house robot - Refbot.

The new design of the arena will give both competitors and audience a superb view of the action whilst providing full protection from any flying parts.

#### Pitbull Finds New Master

Series 3 semi-finalist Pitbull has been sold to a new owner, the Xenomania team. No official information has been released, however rumours indicate that Pitbull is to be revamped with a hydraulic system and a SRiMech. All the details about this can be found at: http://www.xenomania.co.uk/

"Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks!"

#### CHAOS THEORY

A LETTER FROM THE CHAMPIONS OF THE THIRD WARS

Now that the Third War is done and dusted, we're looking forward to the next set of battles with our old "adversaries" (no doubt with new and better robots!). It'll be good to see our old friends from last year as we had such a great time behind the scenes. We're sure all new roboteers will have the same experience.

The large number of entrants last year overwhelmed the organisers at times, so hopefully more resources will be put in to administration for the next war.

The new battle format, with no games etc was much fairer for all, the only fly in the ointment being the arena spike. Good luck, happy building and see you all in the next war. Bye for now, George & lan.

# www.site focus

Each month we will be reviewing a competitor's web site to highlight good areas to visit on the web This month we are visiting the "Killerhurtz" web site.

John Reid, the driver of Killerhurtz, produces this site. The web site is one of the best we have seen, due to the amount of information. Not only about the design and development of Killerhurtz, but also build guides which can be found in the 'how-to' section. These cover basic pneumatics

systems for weapons, drive and motors, electronics and how to get to a military scrap-yard full of useful junk for building robots (fancy some tank

This is a site well worth visiting whether you are just interested in building, or think that Robot Wars is boring, it'll certainly change your view, whatever your interest.

Visit John Reid's site by pointing your web browser to; http://www.killerhurtz.co.uk/.

## WARS ON THE WEB

The threads on the official Robot Wars website are many and growing every day. They cover many various subjects such as "The House Robots", and "Competitors", to name but a few. This section on the Robot Wars website is used by fans and the competitors to voice opinions about the show as well as to help each other with the intricacies of building a robot. Many people who don't live in this country also visit this area! Here are some interesting threads...

#### **ROBOT WARS** General **Best Robot Wars Ever**

Harry Hill (Harry) Thursday 4May 2000 -

'Shunt has probably done the most damage out of all house robots together Scott Balfour (Cadet) Saturday May 6 2000

'Shunt is by far the greatest of the house robots, with exception of the Grand Final, he has never been beaten and has always destroyed the other robots. He is far better than Sir Killalot'

By Toby Wheeler (Tobywheeler) on Sunday May 28, 2000 - 11.52 am: Best 10 robots:

Chaos 2 (Tremendous power)

1) Hypno-Disc (Need I say more? S) Killertron (Best weapon ever)

8) Panic Attack (Well...it did win Series 9) Behemoth (My fav bot) 10) Firestorm (Maybe should be higher?)

Simon Mellor (sim) Friday June 2, 2000 -

'Shunts axe is a knife through hot butter'

By Richard Weir (Softweir) on Saturday, June 3 2000 - 2:49 pm: I enjoy it when Sir K GETS

Barbequed! (Courtesy of Sergeant Bash half the time. It's amazing they can still work together ....)

Mike Robert (Avalanche) Tuesday June 13, 2000 - 12.29am

The best moment ever, would be when Chaos 2 flipped Fire Storm out of the

Toaster Tuesday June 13 2000 - 5.40pm The end of the Hypno-disc Vs Robogeddon fight was dead funny!

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## WORD SEARCH

The words can be found; Left-to-right, up-and-down, and diagonally.

- : MATILDA : BEHEMOTH
- RAZER : DEAD METAL
- : CHAOS 2
- : 101
- : ULTOR
- : SHUNT
- : CRAIG 10: HYPNODISC
- 11: MACE 2
- 12 : DIOTOIR

Solutions below

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## CROSSWORD

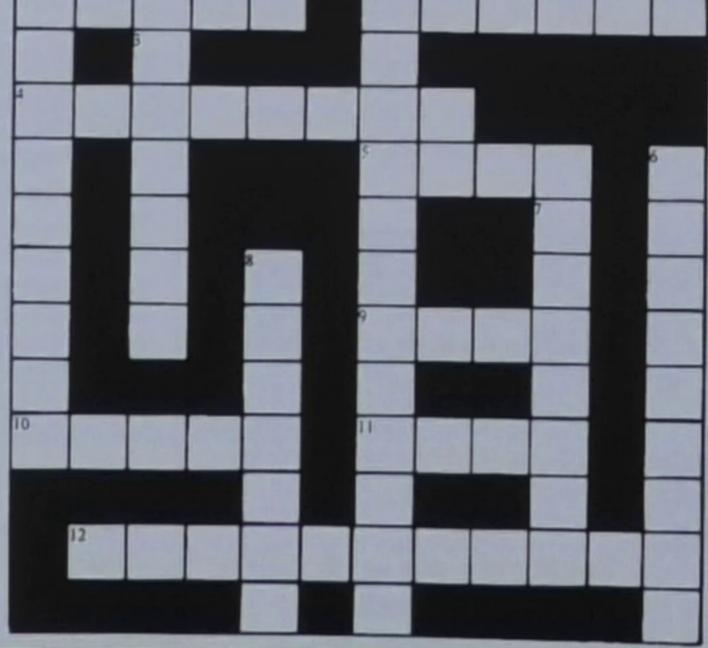
Below is a Crossword, which has all things robotic.

#### Clues Across:

- Has Squeeze-ability
- 2: German Tank
- Plenty of Tip-ability
- 5 Hypno
- 9. Robots do this to each other
- 10 House Robot with an axe!
- Weevil
- 12: Series 2 Champions

#### Clues Down;

- The name of the show is?
- 2: Hole in the Arena
- The Flipper that's a Winner!!
- 5: Who or what is DM?
- 6. This robot is really wacky! 7. The House robot that's a bit of a girl!
- 8: In Ireland they do it Flame gnlled!!



#### SOLUTIONS

CAICCOSTATIOO



- F Matilda 6: Weeliwako
- 5 Dead Metal lid 2

Robot Wars

Crossword; Down

- 12. Panic Attack 8. Diotoir
- 3 Chaos 2
- 10. Shunt 9. Dent S Disc ф. Већетогћ 2. Panzer 1 Raxer

Crossword; Across

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## WARS ON THE WEB

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#### **ROBOT WARS:** General THE WAR IS OVER

By Dave on Friday, April 21, 2000 - 07:09

must congratulate Chaos 2 (team and robot) in a brilliant victory, and for providing some of the most entertaining battles on Robot Wars, next to Hypnodisc of course. Firstly flipping a bot out the arena, and then to take Hypnodisc and two house robots is brilliant + he destroyed Matilda's shell. Well Done

By John Laidlaw on Friday, April 21, 2000 - 07:19 pm:

Brilliant final (whole show), better than any other but why didn't they have a third place playoff like last war?????

Steg-o-saw-us wouldn't be able to take part though!

By Steg 2 on Friday, April 21, 2000 - 08:49

There was no 3rd place play off. Firestorm and us agreed to call it a draw for third.

By Alex Mordue on Friday, April 21, 2000 -08:53 pm:

Steg wasn't ready for another battle straight after theirs with Hypno, so it couldn't have been filmed that day, and we had to leave the day after (due to work :- P), so no battle for third. Firestorm was just about fine after its battle (!!!) with Chaos 2, body a bit bent, and a pipe needed brazing (many thanks to Zulu of the Diotoir team for fixing that).

Alex http://www.fire-storm.co.uk

If you want to add any new threads or even add to the existing ones then go to:

www.robotwars.co.uk

